

said upper surface of said sections being of soft resilient material and being directly exposed for direct engagement with the foot of the user or a sock or stocking on the foot of the user;

said grid pattern of resilient sections constituting a multiplicity of sections that sway laterally independently of one another in response to forces applied by the foot, thereby reducing shear stresses on the bottom of a foot as the user walks along; and

said sections having a height and a transverse extent, with the height being substantially equal to or greater than said transverse extent.

Please add the following claims:

59. Orthopaedic footgear as defined in claim 33 wherein said sections have a height and a transverse extent, with the height being substantially equal to or greater than said transverse extent.

60. Orthopaedic footgear as defined in claim 36 wherein said sections have a height and a transverse extent, with the height being substantially equal to or greater than said transverse extent.

61. Orthopaedic footgear as defined in claim 37 wherein said sections have a height and a transverse extent, with the height being substantially equal to or greater than said transverse extent.

62. Orthopaedic footgear as defined in claim 38 wherein said sections have a height and a transverse extent, with the height being substantially equal to or greater than said transverse extent.

63. Orthopaedic footgear as defined in claim 39 wherein said sections have a height and a transverse extent, with the height being substantially equal to or greater than said transverse extent.

64. Orthopaedic footgear as defined in claim 42 wherein said sections have a height and a transverse extent, with the height being substantially equal to or greater than said transverse extent.

65. Orthopaedic footgear as defined in claim 43 wherein said sections have a height and a transverse extent, with the height being substantially equal to or greater than said transverse extent.

66. Orthopaedic footgear as defined in claim 44 wherein said sections have a height and a transverse extent, with the height being substantially equal to or greater than said transverse extent.

67. Footgear with pressure relief areas for the foot, comprising:
an outer sole;

an inner sole mounted in said footgear above said outer sole, said inner sole having a plurality of independently vertically movable resilient sections arranged in a grid pattern, said independently vertically movable sections having lower surfaces which are separately removably mounted within said footgear and said sections having upper surfaces which together form a substantially smooth and continuous upper surface for engagement by the foot;

said resilient sections being directly adjacent one another to form said grid; and

said grid of resilient sections extending over substantially all of said inner sole;

said upper surface of said sections being directly exposed for direct engagement with the foot of the user or a sock or stocking on the foot of the user; and

said sections having a height and a transverse extent, with the height being substantially equal to or greater than said transverse extent; and

said grid pattern of resilient sections constituting a multiplicity of sections that sway laterally independently of one another in response to forces applied by the foot, thereby reducing shear stresses on the bottom of a foot as the user walks along.

68. Orthopaedic footgear with resilient support for the foot, comprising:

an outer sole;

an inner sole mounted in said footgear above said outer sole, said inner sole having a plurality of independently vertically movable individual removable resilient sections arranged in a grid pattern, said independently vertically movable sections having upper surfaces which together form a substantially smooth and continuous upper surface for engagement by the foot;

said resilient sections being directly adjacent one another to form said grid;

said upper surface of said sections being of soft resilient material and being directly exposed for direct engagement with the foot of the user or a sock or stocking on the foot of the user; and

said sections having a height and a transverse extent, with the height being substantially equal to or greater than said transverse extent; and

said grid pattern of resilient sections constituting a multiplicity of sections that sway laterally independently of one another in response to forces applied by the foot, thereby reducing shear stresses on the bottom of a foot as the user walks along.

69. An orthopaedic footgear as defined in claim 68 wherein the sections are in contact with one-another.

70. Footgear with pressure relief areas for the foot, comprising:
an outer sole;

an inner sole mounted in said footgear above said outer sole, said inner sole having a plurality of independently vertically movable resilient sections arranged in a grid pattern, said independently vertically movable sections having lower surfaces which are separately removably mounted within said footgear and said sections having upper surfaces which together form a substantially smooth and continuous upper surface for engagement by the foot;

said resilient sections being directly adjacent one another to form said grid; and

said grid of resilient sections extending over substantially all of said inner sole;

said upper surface of said sections being directly exposed for direct engagement with the foot of the user or a sock or stocking on the foot of the user; and

said grid pattern of resilient sections constituting means for providing a multiplicity of sections that sway laterally to a substantial extent independently of one another to a substantial extent in response to forces applied by the foot, for reducing shear stresses on the bottom of a foot as the user walks along.

71. Footgear with pressure relief areas for the foot, comprising:

an outer sole;

an inner sole mounted in said footgear above said outer sole, said inner sole having a plurality of independently vertically movable resilient sections arranged in a grid pattern, said independently vertically movable sections having lower surfaces which are separately removably mounted within said footgear and said sections having upper surfaces which together form a substantially smooth and continuous upper surface for engagement by the foot;

said resilient sections being directly adjacent one another to form said grid; and

said grid of resilient sections extending over substantially all of said inner sole;

said upper surface of said sections being directly exposed for direct engagement with the foot of the user or a sock or stocking on the foot of the user; and